

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING THE STATE EQUALIZATION
GUARANTEE DISTRIBUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
CERTAIN FEDERAL REVENUE FOR ERECTING, REMODELING OR MAKING
ADDITIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-8-25 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
Chapter 176, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-25. STATE EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE DISTRIBUTION--
DEFINITIONS--DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.--

A. The state equalization guarantee distribution
is that amount of money distributed to each school district
to ensure that the school district's operating revenue,
including its local and federal revenues as defined in this
section, is at least equal to the school district's program
cost.

B. "Local revenue", as used in this section,
means seventy-five percent of receipts to the school district
derived from that amount produced by a school district
property tax applied at the rate of fifty cents (\$.50) to
each one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of net taxable value of
property allocated to the school district and to the assessed
value of products severed and sold in the school district as
determined under the Oil and Gas Ad Valorem Production Tax

Act and upon the assessed value of equipment in the school district as determined under the Oil and Gas Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Act. The school district shall budget and expend twenty percent of the total revenue receipts for capital outlay as defined in the manual of accounting and budgeting provided in Section 22-8-5 NMSA 1978.

C. "Federal revenue", as used in this section, means receipts to the school district, excluding amounts which, if taken into account in the computation of the state equalization guarantee distribution, result, under federal law or regulations, in a reduction in or elimination of federal school funding otherwise receivable by the school district, derived from the following:

(1) seventy-five percent of the school district's share of forest reserve funds distributed in accordance with Section 22-8-33 NMSA 1978. The school district shall budget and expend twenty percent of the total forest reserve receipts for capital outlay as defined in the manual of accounting and budgeting provided in Section 22-8-5 NMSA 1978; and

(2) seventy-five percent of grants from the federal government as assistance to those areas affected by federal activity authorized in accordance with Title 20 of the United States Code, commonly known as "PL 874 funds" or

"impact aid". The school district shall budget and expend twenty percent of the grant receipts for capital outlay as defined in the manual of accounting and budgeting provided in Section 22-8-5 NMSA 1978.

D. To determine the amount of the state equalization guarantee distribution, the state superintendent shall:

(1) calculate the number of program units to which each school district is entitled using the basic program membership of the fortieth day for all programs; provided that special education program units shall be calculated using the membership in special education programs on December 1; or

(2) calculate the number of program units to which a school district operating under an approved year-round school calendar is entitled using the basic program membership on an appropriate date established by the state board; or

(3) calculate the number of program units to which a school district with a basic program MEM of 200 or less is entitled by using the basic program membership on the fortieth day of either the prior or the current year, whichever is greater; provided that special education program units shall be calculated using the membership in special education programs on December 1 of either the prior or the

current year; and

(4) using the results of the calculations in Paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection and the instructional staff training and experience index from the October report of the prior school year, establish a total program cost of the school district;

(5) calculate the local and federal revenues as defined in this section;

(6) deduct the sum of the calculations made in Paragraph (5) of this subsection from the program cost established in Paragraph (4) of this subsection; and

(7) deduct the total amount of guaranteed energy savings contract payments that the state superintendent determines will be made to the school district from the public school utility conservation fund during the fiscal year for which the state equalization guarantee distribution is being computed.

E. The amount of the state equalization guarantee distribution to which a school district is entitled is the balance remaining after the deductions made in Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Subsection D of this section.

F. The state equalization guarantee distribution shall be distributed prior to June 30 of each fiscal year. The calculation shall be based on the local and federal revenues specified in this section received from June 1 of

the previous fiscal year through May 31 of the fiscal year for which the state equalization guarantee distribution is being computed. In the event that a district has received more state equalization guarantee funds than its entitlement, a refund shall be made by the district to the state general fund."
